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DATES

OF THE

ORGANIZATION OF THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES

IN BURLINGTON.

First Congregational,	Feb. 23, 1805.
Unitarian,	April 19. 1810.
Methodist,	1820.
Episcopal,	April, 1831.
Baptist,	1834.
Roman Catholic,	1830.
Third Congregational,	Nov. 4, 1860.

BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Town of Burlington was chartered in June, 1763. The first settlement was commenced in it about the year 1775, but was mainly abandoned during the war of our Revolution. In the spring of 1783 nine or ten families came from Connecticut, and effected a more permanent and flourishing settlement. From 1783 to 1800, the population increased from about 40 persons to 600. During this period, the ministrations of the gospel were seldom enjoyed, except through the labors of occasional missionaries. Notwithstanding the increase of population, and the prosperous state of the settlement, no church was organized before the year 1805.

During the autumn of 1804, several persons became specially interested in the spiritual wants of the town. The public worship of God on the Sabbath, had indeed been partially sustained in the College Chapel, for some time previous to 1804. But this was not enough. The people needed a more effective preaching of the gospel, by the influence and example of a Christian Church and Pastor. The few professing Christians in the town felt the responsibility of their situ-

ation, and determined, in reliance on God's blessing, to organize a Church.

Accordingly, on Friday the 21st of February, 1805, fourteen persons, five males and nine females, assembled at the house of Moses Catlin, Esq., and adopted and subscribed articles of faith, and a covenant, by which they mutually pledged themselves to be governed. On the Sabbath following, viz: on the 23d of February, 1805, they were formally organized and constituted a Church of Christ.

Such was the origin of the first church formed in the town, consisting of the following persons, viz:

Alexander Catlin,	Daniel C. Sanders,
Abigail Catlin,	Nancy Sanders,
Lucinda Catlin,	Ebenezer Lyman,
Ozias Buell,	Anna Lyman,
Abigail Buell,	Clarissa Lyman,
Daniel Coit,	Sarah Atwater,
Amelia Tuttle,	Miriam Wetmore.

In August of the following year, (1806,) the church, thus formed, gave a unanimous call to the Rev. Sidney Willard, to become their Pastor. Mr. Willard did not accept their call, and the church remained without a Pastor until the year 1810.

On the 10th of April, 1810, the Rev. Daniel Haskell was ordained and installed as the first Pastor of the church and society. He was the first settled minister in the town, and continued his labors successfully through a period of twelve

years, when, on the 22d of June, 1822, he was dismissed to accept the presidency of the University of Vermont.

The following persons succeeded him in the pastoral office, viz :

Rev. Willard Preston, D. D., installed Aug. 23d, 1822 ; Dismissed to preside over the University, July 9th, 1825.

Rev. Reuben Smith, installed May 4th, 1826 ; Dismissed May 5th, 1831.

Rev. John Kendrick Converse, ordained Aug. 9th. 1832 ; Dismissed Oct. 7th, 1844.

Rev. John Hopkins Worcester, D. D., installed March 10th, 1847 ; Dismissed Jan. 7th, 1855.

Rev. C. Spencer Marsh, ordained Nov. 6th, 1856 ; Dismissed Feb. 8th, 1860.

Rev. Eldridge Mix, installed Sept. 4th. 1862.

The first and only Deacons of this church, prior to 1823, were Moses Robinson and Lyman King. The following persons have since borne this office, in the order in which they are named :

Ozias Buell, Samuel Hickok, Pliny M. Corbin, James Mitchell, Dan Day, Martin A. Seymour, Loyal T. Sprague, Jonathan Farr, Jr., Henry P. Hickok, Nathan A. Ward, Horace Hatch, Horace L. Nichols, David K. Pangborn, Charles A. Seymour, Augustus Kimball, John S. Storrs, Burnham Seaver, and Edwin L. Ripley.

The first church was built of wood, on the site occupied by the present church, *facing the north*, and was dedicated

Dec. 12th, 1812. It was the first house of worship erected in the town, was large and commodious, and stood for twenty-seven years.

In the summer of 1835, its interior was thoroughly repaired and modernized, in such a manner as to enlarge the number of pews, and greatly to promote the comfort of the congregation. The church, thus improved, was furnished with an excellent organ, the gift of Dea. Samuel Hickok. Before dawn on Sabbath morning, June 23d, 1839, this edifice was fired by the hand of an incendiary, and totally destroyed. The society immediately set about the erection of another. In the course of three years they were enabled to complete the present house of worship, which was dedicated April 14th, 1842.

Two colonies have gone out from this church. In October, 1836, twenty-three persons were dismissed from its membership, to be organized, with others, [Nov. 9, 1836,] into the Congregational Church at Winooski Falls.

In October, 1860, forty-five members of the church were dismissed, and formed [Nov. 4, 1860] the College St. Church in this city.

The Articles of Faith and Covenant, as given herein, are those recommended by the Chittenden County Conference, and were adopted by this church March 5, 1852.

The whole number of members received into this church, from its organization up to April 1st, 1867, is 1300.

CHURCH REGISTER.

The names of all persons who have ever been members of this church since its organization in 1805, the date of their admission, and also the date of the dismission or death of such as are no longer members—so far as known to the present officers of the church—are recorded in the Church Register, to which all persons interested may have access by calling on the clerk of the church.

CHURCH NOTICES.

1. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the afternoon of the first Sabbaths in January, March, May, July, September and November.

The Preparatory Lecture occurs on the Friday afternoon preceding Communion Sabbath. A meeting of the church is held two weeks previous to the time of the Preparatory Lecture, for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the church, and receiving candidates for church membership. Previous to this meeting, the standing committee of the church meet to confer with candidates desiring admission to the church, notice of which is given from the pulpit.

2. The proper time for the administration of the ordinance of Infant Baptism is at the opening of the communion service. It may be administered, by special request, either at the Preparatory Lecture, or at the residence of the parents; but it is desirable, if practicable, that it should be connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. This ordinance should not be unnecessarily delayed. The name of each child presented for baptism, the date of its birth, and the names of the parents, should be given to the Pastor in writing, at the time of the administration of the ordinance, in order that the records of the church may be properly kept.

3. The regular weekly meeting for prayer and conference is held on Thursday evening.

4. The Sabbath School is held immediately after the morning service.

5. Annual collections are taken up as follows: for Foreign Missions, February; Bible Society, April; Domestic Missions, June; Education Society, August; Tract Society, October; American Missionary Association, December. A collection for the poor of the church is taken up at the close of each communion service.

6. Members of the church are particularly requested to inform the Pastor in writing of any change in their names or places of residence. Members who are living in other places, or at too great a distance to worship regularly with us, should either connect themselves with a church in their vicinity, or once a year report themselves, in person or by letter, to the Pastor. In case of removal, to be absent for any considerable period of time, letters of dismission should always be taken, if practicable, to some church where one purposes to reside.

7. Early information should be given to the Pastor in cases of sickness or affliction, or if any other reason should occur why a visit from him is especially desired.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one God, subsisting in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; a Being of infinite perfection, and the only proper object of religious worship.

ART. 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God; the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe that all events are embraced within the wise and holy providence of God, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will; yet so as in nowise to interfere with the perfect freedom of the creature.

ART. 4. We believe that our first parents were originally holy and happy, but that by disobedience they fell into a state of depravity and misery; and that, in consequence of their fall, all mankind are now, in their natural state, depraved, alienated from God, and justly exposed to eternal death.

ART. 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is God, as well as man, and that by His obedience and suffering, as an atoning Mediator, He has prepared the way for the consistent pardon and salvation of all who repent and believe the Gospel.

ART. 6. We believe that the Divine Law remains in full force, under the Gospel, as a rule of life.

Art. 7. We believe that man is by nature so inclined to evil, that he will never truly repent and obey the Gospel, except he be renewed by the Holy Spirit of God; nor will the renewed persevere in holiness, except by the continual aids of Divine Grace.

Art. 8. We believe that those who are regenerated were "chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy," and are confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in them, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Art. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general Judgment, from which the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

Art. 10. We believe that a Church, Patriarchal, Jewish, or Christian, has existed in all ages, and that for the latter Christ instituted the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, for the edification and comfort of believers.

Art. 11. We believe that Baptism is to be administered only to believers and their children; and the Lord's Supper to those who publicly profess their Faith in Christ, and walk according to their profession.

COVENANT.

You do now, in the presence of the heart-searching God, and before angels and men, solemnly avouch the Lord Jehovah, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to be your God, Jesus Christ to be your Saviour, and the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier; promising that, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust, you will live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, giving up yourself (selves) and yours, to be the Lord's.

You also bind yourself (selves) to walk with us in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, discharging according to your station the various duties of family and secret prayer, keeping the Holy Sabbath, and attending public worship, and covenanting that you will walk with your fellow-members in all brotherly love, as becomes the followers of Jesus, and that you will submit to the government of Christ in this Church, to all the administrations and censures of it, so far as they accord with the word of God.

RECEPTION BY THE CHURCH.*

Then doth this Church also affectionately receive you to its communion and fellowship, bidding you a cordial welcome, as a fellow-citizen (fellow-citizens) with the saints, and of the household of God.

And, solemnly renewing this day our covenant with God and with each other, we do also now, humbly depending on the grace of God, solemnly covenant with you, severally promising you our prayers and Christian love, and engaging to walk with you, as becometh saints, in all Christian watchfulness, charity, and brotherly kindness.

And now, "unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever; Amen."

*The whole Church are requested to rise, and stand, while the form of reception is pronounced.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

1867.

Pastor.

Rev. Eldridge Mix.

Deacons.

John S. Storrs,
Augustus Kimball,
Burnham Seaver,
Edwin L. Ripley.

Standing Committee.

Rev. John H. Worcester, D. D.,
Dea. John S. Storrs,
Dea. Augustus Kimball,
Dea. Burnham Seaver,
Dea. Edwin L. Ripley,
Prof. Charles W. Thompson,
Dr. Nathaniel W. Perry.

Sabbath School Superintendent.

James W. Hickok.

Clerk of the Church.

Rev. Eldridge Mix.

Treasurer of the Church.

Micah H. Stone.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

RESIDENT IN BURLINGTON, OR ONLY TEMPORARILY ABSENT.

Abbott, Geo. Nelson
Abbott, Mary (Ladd); Mrs Geo. N.
Abbott, Lucy Ann (Bennett); Mrs. John; w.
Abbott, Louisa M.
Adams, Lucy
Adams, Olivia (Morehouse); Mrs. R. W.
Allen, Martha L. (Storrs); Mrs. Horace A.
Atwater, Cornelia (Evarts); Mrs. E. D.

Bailey, Eliza Jane
Baird, Elizabeth
Ballard, Charles Rollin
Ballard, Helen Maria (Perry); Mrs. A. K.
Ballard, Sarah E. (Perry); Mrs. H. N.
Ballard, Maria (Seymour); Mrs. O. L.
Barnes, Henry C.
Barstow,,Geo. L.
Barstow, Caroline (Farnsworth); Mrs. G. L.
Barstow, Matilda S.
Barstow, Martha B.
Belknap, Henry
Bennett, Milo L.
Bennett, Adeline L. (Hatch); Mrs. M. L.

Bicknell, Alfred
Blackman, Betsey (Potter); Mrs. P.; w.
Blackman, Caroline
Blin, Almira (Learned); Mrs. R.; w.
Blodgett, Sarah (Ellis); Mrs. G. S.
Blodgett, Luthera (Bissell); Mrs. Calvin
Boardman, Ellen M.
Bostwick, Henry H.
Bostwick, Clarissa (Hamilton); Mrs. H. H.
Bostwick, Laura A.
Bostwick, Sarepta (Hadley); Mrs. Anson; w.
Brinsmaid, James E.
Brinsmaid, Caroline (Hull); Mrs. James E.
Brinsmaid, Mary (Walton); Mrs. Wm.
Brown, Mary (Fleming); Mrs. S. P.; w.
Buckham, Thomas Scott
Burritt, Caroline (Williams); Mrs. A.; w.
Burritt, Deborah (Parker); Mrs. Harmon
Burritt, Helen
Buttolph, Harriet (Smith); Mrs. Henry A.
Byington, Louisa (Upham); Mrs. M. M.

Camp, Isaac Newton
Camp, Flora M. (Carpenter); Mrs. Isaac N.
Carey, Edward M.
Catlin, Henry W.
Catlin, Mary A. (Poor); Mrs. Henry W.
Chamberlin, James S.
Chamberlin, Josephine A. (Taylor); Mrs. James S.

Chandler, Betsey (Wheeler); Mrs. John G.; w.
Chittenden, Eli
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Clapp, Lucinda (Hall); Mrs. Wm.
Clark, Elizabeth T. (Raymond); Mrs. A. H.
Cody, Ann E.
Coggin, Frederick G.
Coggin, Louisa R. (Vose); Mrs. Frederick G.
Colburn, Dan
Colburn, Lucia (Brewster); Mrs. Dan
Cole, Sarah E.
Cole, Mary A.
Cook, Anson G.
Cook, Emily (Hamilton); Mrs. Anson G.
Cooley, Paulina M. (Newell); Mrs.
Corning, Angelina E.
Corning, Harriet
Cottrill, Roxana
Crandall, Henry A.
Crandall, Esther (Storrs); Mrs. Henry A.
Crombie, Lydia C.
Crombie, Wm. A.

Dewey, Archibald S.
Dewey, Lucina A. (Rich); Mrs. Archibald S.
Dow, Gilbert B.
Dow, Frances (Scott); Mrs. Gilbert B.

Edgell, Sarah A. (West); Mrs. L. A.

Evarts, Miles A.
Evarts, Hannah (Blood); Mrs. Miles A.

Fay, John J.
Fay, Mindwell (Brewster); Mrs. John J.
Fay, Cornelia
Fay, Elizabeth S.
Fay, Frederick
Field, Abigail D.
Fisher, Abigail (Cutts); Mrs. M. I.
Fleming, Mary J.
Fleming, Julia A.
Fletcher, James Harvey
Floyd, Eugene B.
Francis, Rebekah (Wheeler); Mrs. John; w.
Francis, Mary M. (Pease); Mrs. George
Francis, Sarah H.

Grant, Lydia A. (Seymour); Mrs. Chas.; w.
Griffin, Samuel E.
Goodrich, John Ellsworth
Grow, Minerva P. (Haynes); Mrs. C. A.

Hagar, Sarah
Hagar, Catherine A.
Harrington, Mary (Doak); Mrs. Andrew A.
Hatch, Horace
Haynes, Minerva (Bliss); Mrs. Joshua; w.
Haynes, Ellen E.
Hazen, Wm. E.

Heminway, Clara
Herrick, Mary A. (Williams); Mrs. Stephen L.
Herrick, Frances L.
Hickok, Anna (Reid); Mrs. E.
Hickok, Mary Frances
Hickok, James W.
Hickok, Julia (Francis); Mrs. James W.
Hickok, Wm. C.
Hickok, Laura A. (Platt); Mrs. Wm. C.
Hickok, Francis
Hill, Audelia (Wood); Mrs. Cyrus C.
Hill, Lucia Marion
Holden, Jane M.
Hubbard, Harriet A.
Hubbard, Maria L.
Hunt, Eunice (Wright); Mrs. S. W.; w.
Hutchins, Wealthy Ann (Emery); Mrs. W. F.

Ingraham, Helen (Fisk); Mrs. Geo.
Isham, Harriet (Hall); Mrs. Geo. B.

Jones, Amos B.
Jones, Clarissa (Millard); Mrs. Amos B.

Kimball, Augustus
Kimball, Caroline A. (Fay); Mrs. Augustus
Kimball, Ellen E.

Langdon, Henry H.
Langdon, Hannah M. (Russell); Mrs. Henry H.
Lane, Caroline (Field); Mrs. Wm. H.

Lane, Wm. H., Jr.
Lawrence, Luther L.
Lawrence, Anna (Lyman); Mrs. Luther L.
Liscum, Phœbe (Hamilton); Mrs. John
Liscum, Emerson H.
Liscum, Minerva M.
Liscum, Kate Amelia
Loomis, Eliza (Deming); Mrs. Geo.; w.
Lowry, Louisa (Blakeslee); Mrs. John
Lovely, Aurelia (Post); Mrs. Noble; w.
Lyman, Florence
Lyon, Mary (Grout); Mrs. Dan
Lyon, Lucia E.
Lysaght, Mary Ann (Walker); Mrs. M.

McLane, Submit (Shurtleff); Mrs. J. B.; w.
Mead, Ellen (Martin); Mrs. Giles T.; w.
Mills, Mary Jane
Mills, Caroline Elizabeth
Mitchell, James
Mitchell, Sarah (Harrington); Mrs. James
Mitchell, Sarah Louise
Mix, Susan A. (Willard); Mrs. Eldridge
Moore, Henry E.
Mower, Cornelia M. (Liscum); Mrs. O. G.; w.
Munson, Harriet (Earle); Mrs. J.; w.

Nabb, Sarah (Armstrong); Mrs. John
Newell, Elisha
Newell, Emeline (Read); Mrs. E.

Newell, Esther (Catlin); Mrs. Hiram ; w.
Nichols, Benjamin S.
Nichols, Lucy H. (Penfield); Mrs. Benjamin S.
Nichols, Charles P.
Nichols, Mary H.
Norris, Ellen M. (Grout) Mrs.
Northrop, John O.
Northrop, Ellen (Barber); Mrs. John O.
Norton, John Wright

O'Brien, Thomas

Pangborn, Elizabeth (Farrington); Mrs. D. K.
Peaslee, Lydia H.
Peck, James
Peck, Grace A. (Starr); Mrs. James
Peck, Louise H. (Turrill); Mrs. John E.
Peck, David Brainerd
Peck, Frances (Brainerd); Mrs. D. B.
Peck, Hamilton S.
Peck, Georgiana C.
Peck, Elsa Janette
Peck, Edward Sprague
Peck, Theodore Safford
Peirce, John S.
Peirce, Ann (Hill); Mrs. J. S.
Perry, Daniel
Perry, Catherine (Aylsworth); Mrs. D.
Perry, Wm. A.
Perry, Nathaniel Wheatley

Perry, Clarissa (Collins); Mrs. N. W.
Perry, Clementine S.
Pope, Lucina (Allen); Mrs. S. M.

Read, Emily (Marsh); Mrs. David
Read, Edward M.
Rice, Henry Clinton
Rice, Harriet E. (Marshall); Mrs. H. C.
Richardson, Sarah W. (Peaslee); Mrs. Amos; w.
Ripley, Edwin L.
Robinson, Mary Elizabeth (Gould); Mrs. J. H.
Robinson, Elizabeth J.
Robinson, Dan. W.
Root, Silas
Russell, Matilda (Cook); Mrs. Elihu; w.

Scott, Robert
Scott, Huldah (Bailey); Mrs. R.
Seaver, Burnham
Seaver, Celestia A. (Hamilton); Mrs. B.
Seaver, Emma L.
Selden, Abby C. (Whipple); Mrs. Wm.; w.
Seller, Mary
Seymour, Harriet
Seymour, Sally (Rowley); Mrs. Wm.; w.
Seymour, Sarah Eliza
Shattuck, Ira
Shattuck, Lucinda (Cottrill); Mrs. Ira
Shattuck, Ira E.
Slocum, Sarah E.

Smith, Abigail
Smith, Ardelia F. (Munn); Mrs. Wm.
Smith, Mary C. (Foote); Mrs. Fred
Smith, Mary Foote
Smith, Charles P.
Smith, Rebekah W. (Francis); Mrs. Douglass; w.
Smith, Rebekah Francis
Smith, Elizabeth Stafford
Smith, Pierpoint E.
Smith, Silphina (Hanchet); Mrs. P. E.
Smith, John E.
Smith, Sarah E. (Cutting); Mrs. J. E.
Spaulding, Laura (Corning); Mrs. A. S.
Spooner, Whipple
Spencer, Leonard B.
Spencer, Sarah Elizabeth (Rawson); Mrs. L. B.
Stacy, Maria (Corning); Mrs. H. B.
Stacy, Jane
Stacy, Clara
Staniford, Juliette
Stearns, Augusta (Swan); Mrs. R. B.
Stone, Micah H.
Stone, Mary C. (Gilmour); Mrs. M. H.
Storrs, John S.
Storrs, Fanny (Crandall); Mrs. J. S.
Storrs, Charles
Storrs, Susan L. (Pitkin); Mrs. Chas.
Storrs, Asahel
Storrs, Mahala (Parsons); Mrs. A.

Taylor, Annie (Armstrong); Mrs. Archibald
Thompson, Chas. Wheeler
Torrey, Mary Cutler
Turrill, Lydia A. (Hall); Mrs. L. D.

Viele, Celinda (Boynton); Mrs. Wm. B.

Wainwright, Nancy (Hunt); Mrs. Carlos
Wainwright, Charles
Ward, Hannah (Clark); Mrs. Nathan; w.
Weeks, Edward
Weeks, Hannah (Kilburn); Mrs. E.
Wheeler, Horace
Wheeler, Laura (Isham); Mrs. H.
Wheeler, Mary C. (Rignall); Mrs. John; w.
Wheeler, Lucia Thompson
Wheeler, Rebekah
Wheelock, Emeline
Whipple, Clarissa (Church); Mrs. A.; w.
White, Adeline
Whitney, Lavilla (Golding); Mrs. Stephen
Willard, Orpha (Richards); Mrs. M. A.
Willard, Ella J.
Worcester, John Hopkins
Worcester, Catherine (Fleming); Mrs. J. H.
Worcester John Hopkins, Jr.

NON-RESIDENT CLERGYMEN,

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH.

Rev. J. C. B. Beaubien, New York.
Rev. Archibald Fleming, Constable, N. Y.
Rev. Wm. W. Livingston, Missionary A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. Sidney H. Marsh, President of Pac. Univ., Oregon.
Rev. John Orcutt, D. D., Hartford, Conn.
Rev. Charles C. Parker, Gorham, Me.
Rev. Moses P. Parmelee, Missionary A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. John B. Perry, now in Burlington.
Rev. Azro Andrus Smith, Lowell.
Rev. Charles C. Torrey, W. Randolph.
Rev. Joseph Torrey, Jr., Hardwick.
Rev. Henry A. P. Torrey, Vergennes.
Rev. Francis B. Wheeler, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

FIRST CALV. CONG. SOCIETY.

OFFICERS, 1867.

Prudential Committee.

JAMES MITCHELL,
JAMES PECK,
C. J. ALGER.

Clerk and Treasurer.

J. W. HICKOK.

Collector.

DAN LYON.

The annual meetings of the Society are held in January of each year, as warned by the Clerk or Prudential Committee.

On the written application of three or more members of the Society, the Clerk is required to call a special meeting.

It is desirable that not only all male members of the church, but all gentlemen regularly worshiping with them, should connect themselves with the Society.

They may do so by subscribing its articles, and paying an annual sum in aid of it, either as pew rent, assessment, or subscription; and may remain members so long as such annual payments are continued.

In compliance with a vote of the Society, passed June 13, 1864, a collection is taken up each Sabbath morning, and the receipts are applied, unless notice is given of a different application, to the payment of the expenses necessarily incident to the maintenance of public worship.

Persons desiring seats in the church should apply to the Treasurer of the Society.

[Historical Note.—The town of Burlington was first organized into a parish in June, 1805, with the title of the "First Society for Public and Social Worship in Burlington." This Society acted harmoniously with the First Church in sustaining public worship until Jan. 1, 1810, when, the Church and Society being unable to agree in the settlement of a pastor, this Society forthwith dissolved, and two new societies were formed. The one now generally known as the Unitarian Society was organized on the 19th of January, 1810, and assumed the name of the "First Congregational Society." The other organized with the title of the "First Congregational Society under the Calvinistic order," for the express purpose of co-operating with the First Church. Its original articles of association were signed by thirty-one members, and bear date January, 1810. The first meeting duly warned was held March 5, 1810. Their first minister was settled on the 10th of April following.

The Unitarian Society settled their first minister on the 19th of the same month; a church of six members, of whom the pastor elect was one, having been previously organized by the ordaining council.

The right of land belonging to the first settled minister, though legally vesting in the Society connected with the First Church, was, by their consent, evenly divided between the two.]

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